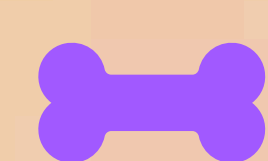




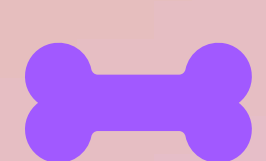
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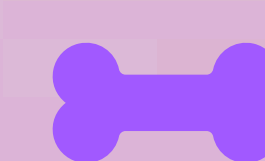
# HAPPY SMILES!



PREVENT TARTAR & PLAQUE



FIGHT BAD BREATH



SUPPORT OVERALL WELLNESS

## **National Cat Health Dental Month** **Healthy Mouth. Healthier Cat.**

### Why Dental Care Matters

Dental disease is one of the most common health problems in cats. By age 3, most cats show signs of dental disease. Untreated dental issues can cause pain, tooth loss, infection, and may even affect the heart, liver, and kidneys.

#### Signs of Dental Disease in Cats

- Bad breath
- Yellow or brown tartar buildup
- Red, swollen, or bleeding gums
- Drooling
- Difficulty chewing or dropping food
- Pawing at the mouth
- Decreased appetite or weight loss

Cats often hide pain—regular dental exams are essential.

#### Common Dental Problems

- Plaque & Tartar: Sticky bacteria buildup that hardens on teeth
- Gingivitis: Inflammation of the gums
- Periodontal Disease: Infection that damages gums and bone
- Tooth Resorption: Painful breakdown of tooth structure (common in cats)

#### Did You Know?

- Dental disease can start without obvious signs.
- Professional dental cleanings for cats require anesthesia to fully clean under the gumline.
- Preventive care is less costly—and less painful—than treating advanced disease.

#### How to Protect Your Cat's Teeth

- ✓ Brush your cat's teeth daily (or as often as possible) using cat-safe toothpaste
- ✓ Schedule annual veterinary dental exams
- ✓ Ask your vet about professional cleanings
- ✓ Use VOHC-approved dental treats or diets
- ✓ Provide safe dental chews designed for cats